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Man charged in peeping tom incidents in public men's restrooms

Police encourage additional victims to come forward

Howard County police have charged a Windsor Mill man in multiple peeping tom incidents in men's public restrooms. Marc Scott Dawson, 48, of Cross Trails Road, has been charged with multiple counts of visual surveillance with prurient intent and peeping tom.

Police were contacted earlier this month by a security guard at the Columbia Mall to report that a man was observed repeatedly following young men into the public restroom and making efforts to look at the victims' genitals.

Officers reviewed mall surveillance footage and saw the man, later identified as Dawson, enter the bathroom 31 times in a two-hour period. A few days later, Howard County detectives conducting surveillance on Dawson followed him into the Security Square Mall in Baltimore. Detectives repeatedly observed Dawson inside the restroom conducting the same behavior. They continued to track him to a Home Depot store in Catonsville, where they again saw him committing the same acts inside the men's restroom, to include an incident involving a juvenile.

Dawson was arrested without incident on Aug. 20 and has been released from the Howard County Detention Center on \$15,000 bail. He faces charges in both Howard and Baltimore Counties.

Police are encouraging anyone who may have seen Dawson engaging in this behavior, or has additional information, to come forward and contact police at 410-313-STOP. Callers can remain anonymous.

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